

--FIELD AND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, Line 30, before this line insert the following paragraph heading:

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--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 34 with the following rewritten paragraph and paragraph heading:

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This object is achieved with the subject matter which relates to a flammable mass of paraffin having inorganic particles disposed in a homogeneous distribution in paraffin. According to the invention, it has been revealed that a fine distribution of inorganic particles in the paraffin makes this flammable at the surface. It is known for burning paraffin, that is to say in the case of candles, to place a wick in the paraffin. This has proved to be no longer necessary if, as described, inorganic particles are disposed in a homogeneous distribution in the paraffin. To this extent it is even possible, by concentrating the particles only in a central region of a candle, thin in the manner of a wick, to replace a customary wick by this. In this specific example the invention also comprises a candle thus formed. A number of possibilities are provided with respect to the particles. They can be, in particular, silicic acid particles, specifically silica. The size of the particles can vary. However, preferably, the size is in the range of fractions of millimetres